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BEGIN SUMMARY: KHARTOUM DAILY "AL-SAHAFI" OF APRIL 9
CARRIES REPORT OF UNDATED BUT RECENT INTERVIEW GRANTED BY
QADDAFI TO EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBER CURRENTLY IN LIBYA.
TOPICS INCLUDED SUDANESE/LIBYAN RELATIONS, SADAT/NIMEIRI/
QADDAFI SUMMIT AND QADDAFI'S PLANS FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL
EVOLUTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR CAPACITY FOR LIBYA.
END SUMMARY.

1. REFERRING TO RECENT VISIT OF VP ALIER TO LIBYA, QADDAFI
SAID THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
AN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY TO ENGAGE IN AGRICULTURAL IN-
VESTMENT IN THE SOUTHERN SUDAN. HE REVEALED THAT COMPANY WOULD
BE FINANCED BY LIBYA.

2. QADDAFI SAID THAT LIBYAN POLICY DOES NOT INCLUDE LOANS
TO ANY COUNTRY; INSTEAD, LIBYA WILL CONSIDER PARTNERSHIPS
IN ECONOMIC PROJECTS IN ANY FIELD.

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3. RE PLANS FOR ECONOMIC INTEGRATION OR COOPERATION

BETWEEN ADJACENT PROVINCES OF LIBYA AND SUDAN, QADDAFI SAID THAT THE SUDANESE WILL PRESENT PROPOSALS IN A MONTH'S TIME (SEE PARA 5 REFTEL FOR CONTRARY VIEW).

4. QADDAFI SAID THAT HE IS PREPARED TO MEET WITH SADAT AND NIMEIRI ANY TIME ANY PLACE.

5. QADDAFI SAID HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO RAPPROCHEMENT AMONG ARAB REGIMES WITH DIFFERENT VIEWS. HE ADDED THAT LIBYA IS MAKING EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT ARAB/EUROPEAN DIALOGUE.

6. LIBYA, HE SAID, SEEKS TO BECOME A NUCLEAR COUNTRY: NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS NO LONGER SECRET AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT URANIUM WILL SOON BE DISCOVERED IN THE COUNTRY.

7. FINALLY, QADDAFI SAID THAT RCC WILL CONTINUE AND THAT A NEW DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM UNDER PREPARATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE "GREEN BOOK" TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY. HE SAID THAT A NATIONAL CONGRESS WITH SUPREME AUTHORITY WILL BE SET UP BUT THAT THERE WILL BE NEITHER PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS NOR A PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY AT THIS STAGE.

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